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## MID-SUMMER CLEARANCE

## SALE

### Wash Dress Goods

We have just placed on our Bargain counter all strictly summer Dress goods, consisting of Mercerized Foullards, Linities, Percales, Batistes, etc., at greatly reduced prices, namely:

All regular	25c	values at	16 1/2c
"	20c	"	12 1/2c
"	15c	"	10c
"	12 1/2c	"	8 1/2c
"	10c	"	6 1/2c

These are all nice patterns and genuine bargains.

### Straw Hats

We offer a nice new stock of men's and youths' Straw hats at 50c on the dollar. This price is made regardless of cost in order to close them out.

### Shoes

We have some odds and ends in this line at just half regular price. These are good quality, but price is made for the reason that we haven't a full line of sizes in the different styles. Buying these at price offered is genuine economy.

### Hosiery

We offer as a special drive in this line 25 dozen pairs Misses' and children's black Hose in sizes from 5 to 9 6 1/2c per pair. These values will surprise you.

### Ladies' Shirt Waists

These are in Mercerised cotton and Percale at one-half regular price.

Ladies' silk waists	regular	\$5	value	\$3.75
"	"	3.50	"	2.50
"	"	4	"	3
"	"	4.50	"	3.25
"	"	3	"	2.25

These silk waists are the best quality we have ever had and now is the time to get bargains in them.

We have a few of the Champion mowers yet on hand. Remember this, mower took first premium at the Paris exposition. Call and see them if you are interested in buying a mower.

We are headquarters for Mitchell wagons in this county and have a good supply of them on hand.

Our stock of General Merchandise is quite complete. We would be glad to figure with you on anything you require.

Respectfully yours,

## E. M. & M. CO.

#### Funk's Store Burned.

The large general merchandise store of W. J. Funk & Sons burned to the ground last Friday morning. The fire was started by a dog they were detaining for a person in Joseph. James and George Funk were sleeping in the bed room and had the dog tied in the ware room. He made so much noise that James got up, lit a lamp, because there was no electric lights in the ware room, and went in to bring him out. He set the lamp down to untie him and the dog in jumping around upset the lamp. The oil immediately took fire and James ran for a bucket of water. He secured two buckets full and in drawing the third dropped the bucket in the well. He then gave the alarm and in a few minutes the church bells began to ring and the entire town was on hand. The pump for the system of water works, that was just being repaired was started and the old hose coiled to the hydrant. In a very short time a stream of water was rapidly wringing the fire under control, when the hose bursted near the nozzle. A change was attempted to put the nozzle on the next coupling but a reducer in the nozzle came off on the end of the first joint of hose and the nozzle could not be fitted any place else. In the meantime the hose became kindled and bursted in two other places. The nozzle was placed back on the first joint and an attempt made to stop the leaks in the hose by the use of bed clothes and at last by rubber boot legs. By this time the fire had such headway that it was useless to try to extinguish the fire, so all efforts were directed toward preventing the spread of the fire to adjacent buildings. By the aid of the old bursted hose and a bucket brigade the fire was confined to the store building and the small warehouse in the rear. The Lewis Hotel, Mrs. Sprague's house and the Ott saloon all had a very close call. Only a few glass were cracked on the north side of the street, and the paint blistered in a few places.

While those were busy fighting the fire many others were carrying out the contents of the store. It is not known the value of the goods saved but it has been estimated by the proprietors at between three and four thousand dollars worth. Sheriff Shackelford was on the scene and had guards posted all around the goods piled in the streets and saved a number of dollars in value from those who desired to convert a useful article to their own use. The insurance was \$16000.

#### Wool Growers at Pendleton.

Pendleton, August 28—Some of the ablest speakers ever assembled in Pendleton will address the convention of the Eastern Oregon Woolgrowers' Association here September 15, if the entire list is able to attend. Binger Hermann, of the department of the interior may speak on the Blue and Strawberry mountain forest reserve. So vital is the question of establishment of this reserve to sheepmen that Commissioner Hermann has been asked to state its object, and the restrictions that would probably surround it, if created.

Congressman Williamson is another probable speaker on a topic that is agitating every sheepman in Eastern Oregon, "The Coyote Scalp Bounty Law." C. J. Mills, livestock agent of the O. R. & N. Co., F. Wainwright, Pendleton agent of the O. R. & N., Douglas Belts, president of the association, and others are to talk.

#### A Letter.

Mexico, Aug. 21, 1902.

Editor Chieftain: As some one in the First National Bank of El Paso, Texas, inquired if I was a brother of Tracey, I thought I would write and let the people know where I am. I went in the bank to get some drafts cashed amounting to \$600 and they gave me two drafts amounting to \$1500 in Mexican money. I brought the drafts down here and took them to the United States Banking Co. and all they would give me was \$588 in United States money, so I lost \$22 speculating in Mexican money. I don't know what the relative value of their money is because I have not bought anything except my meals and they have been all prices since I left home.

Mexico is one hundred years behind the times in agricultural implements. I have not seen any small grain except in small patches. They raise lots of corn and some beans. They also cultivate a plant that grows from six to ten feet high and commences spreading at the ground and runs up in blades six to eight inches in width. I don't know what it is used for as nobody would talk to me. I guess they thought I was an escaped convict.

The Mexicans plant their corn about eighteen inches apart in rows and only plant it one way. They almost invariably do their plowing with oxen. I was not close enough to give their plows a thorough inspection but as near as I could see from the train they take a pole five or six inches in diameter with some crook. Close to the big end they put what I would call a shovel plow, and one straight stick about three feet long is fastened on for a handle. They use two oxen for each plow. The corn growers in the United States would have to hire lots of men to raise corn and cultivate it the way they do down here. One man with a cultivator like I used to plow corn with twenty-five years ago, would plow as much corn as four Mexicans with their rig.

There are scarcely any wagons here, the Mexicans use heavy cumbersome carts, some of them fitted with tongues and some with shafts. When they work six miles they put two on the tongue and four abreast in the lead. In some cases I saw where they worked one in the shafts and three abreast in the lead. There are not many horses or mules worked in this country except in the cities. Their modes of transportation and agriculture seem to be the ox and the burro. In the northern part I saw a few bands of horses and cattle, but that country don't seem to be inhabited. The cattle are long legged and have horns as long as my arms.

Mexico City seems to be built mostly with stone and a kind of cement and has the appearance of a good city. I expect to leave this afternoon for Nerisuz. Yours truly,

JUDSON BAJIM.

#### Fruit for Sale.

I have for sale at Rouse's place on Alder Slope, Yellow Transparent, Dutchess and Early Pennock apples at one cent a pound, also Peach Plums; later will have Fall and Winter Apples, Pears, Prunes, etc. The Alder Slope Fruit is very fine this year. C. D. EMMONS.

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